

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 2, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 2, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Re-Election of Minority Leader.

A communication was received from Representative Bradley H. Jones, Jr., of North Reading, that at the Republican Caucus held on Wednesday, January 1, 2025, with twenty-five (25) members present, he had been re-elected as Minority Leader.

Re-Election of Minority Leader.

Notice of Organization of the Senate.

A message was received from the Senate announcing that branch had been organized by the election of Karen E. Spilka of Ashland as President and Michael D. Hurley of Boston as Clerk.

Notice of organization of the Senate.

Notice was received that the Clerk of the Senate, Michael D. Hurley, had appointed Stacey O. LeMay of Quincy as Assistant Clerk of the Senate and Andrea Crighton of Lynn as Second Assistant Clerk of the Senate.

Assistant Senate Clerks.

Recess.

At four minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House recessed until twenty minutes before noon; and at nine minutes before noon, the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey in the Chair.

Recess.

Paper from the Senate.

An order, having been adopted by the Senate, was considered forthwith; and it was adopted, in concurrence, as follows:

Ordered, That a joint committee to consist of a member of the Senate and a member of the House of Representatives be appointed for the purpose of canvassing the votes for Councillors in the several districts.

The order then was adopted, in concurrence.

Senators Eldridge, Driscoll, and Durant having been appointed by the Senate, Representatives Stanley of Waltham, Howard of Lowell and Vieira of Falmouth were joined on the part of the House.

Committee to canvas votes for Councillors.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Subsequently a report of said committee, having been noted in the Journal of the Senate, was read for the information of the House; and, under suspension of the rules, it was considered forthwith; and it was accepted. The order then was returned to the Senate to be placed on file.

Subsequently the following report of the joint special committee on the returns of votes, having been accepted by the Senate, was read:

From an examination of the returns, it appears from an examination of the returns that the following named persons have been duly elected Councillors in their respective districts, to wit:

- District No. 1. Joseph C. Ferreira of Swansea
- District No. 2. Tamisha L. Civil of Stoughton
- District No. 3. Mara Dolan of Concord
- District No. 4. Christopher A. Iannella, Jr., of Boston
- District No. 5. Eunice Delice Zeigler of Methuen
- District No. 6. Terrence W. Kennedy of Lynnfield
- District No. 7. Paul M. DePaulo of Worcester
- District No. 8. Tara J. Jacobs of North Adams

The report was considered forthwith; and it was accepted, in concurrence.

Pursuant to assignment, at one minute before twelve o'clock noon, the two branches met in

Joint Session.

CONVENTION

in the Chamber of the House of Representatives, for the purpose of administering the oath of office to the several Councillors-elect, and were called to order by the Honorable Karen E. Spilka, President of the Senate.

The President, members, guests and staff then recited the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

At seven minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Governor and the Lieutenant-Governor and Councillors-elect entered the Chamber, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

Governor, Lt.
Governor arrive.

Her Excellency the Governor briefly addressed the Joint Session.

Her Honor the Lieutenant-Governor briefly addressed the Joint Session.

Communication.

The following communication, together with the return of votes and schedules therein referred to, was received from the Secretary of the Commonwealth, to wit:

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 02133

January 1, 2025.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

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I have the honor to lay before you the returns of votes cast at the election held in this Commonwealth on the fifth day of November, 2024, for the Councillors in the several districts, together with schedules showing the number of ballots which appear to have been cast for each person voted for.

Canvassing
the votes.

These returns have been duly canvassed by the Governor and Council, and are now transmitted for examination by the Senate and House of Representatives, as required by the Constitution and General Laws.

Very truly yours,
WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Oath of Office.

Before the President of the Senate, and in the presence of the two Houses of Assembly, at fourteen minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the oaths and affirmations of office were then administered to, and subscribed by Joseph C. Ferreira of Somerset, Tamisha L. Civil of Stoughton, Mara Dolan of Concord, Christopher A. Iannella, Jr., of Boston, Eunice Delice Zeigler of Methuen, Terrence W. Kennedy of Lynnfield, Paul DePalo of Worcester and Tara J. Jacobs of North Adams, as Councillors.

Oath of
office.

Her Excellency the Governor, Her Honor the Lieutenant Governor, and the Honorable Executive Council then withdrew from the House Chamber, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

On motion of Mr. Brady, at nineteen minutes past twelve o'clock noon, the Convention of the Two Branches was dissolved; and the Senate withdrew from the Joint Session, under the escort of the Sergeant-at-Arms.

At twenty-three minutes before one o'clock P.M., the House was called to order with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—
Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

Speaker Mariano of Quincy moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of James Earl Carter, Jr., who served as a member of the Georgia State Senate from 1963 to 1967, Governor of the state of Georgia from 1971 to 1975, and as the 39th President of the United States of American from 1977 to 1981; and the motion prevailed.

Accordingly, at twenty-two minutes before one o'clock P.M., on motion of Mr. Vieira of Falmouth (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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MONDAY, JANUARY 6, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 6, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Members to be Qualified.

The Chair announced the appointment of Representatives Michlewitz of Boston, Peisch of Wellesley and Wong of Saugus as a special committee of the House to conduct Representatives-elect Carol A. Doherty, member-elect from the Third Bristol District and Ann-Margaret Ferrante of Gloucester, member-elect from the Fifth Essex District, to the Council Chamber to be qualified at such time as may be convenient to the Governor and Council.

Representatives
Carol A. Doherty
and Ann-Margaret
Ferrante,—
qualification.

Orders.

On motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton,—

Ordered, That, there shall be a temporary committee on Rules on the part of the House to consist of members of the 194th General Court who were members of the Rules committee at the end of the 193rd General Court, provided that the Speaker of the House shall not be a member of said committee; and provided further that appointments made to such committee shall not be subject to the provisions of House Rules 18 and 18A; and provided further that when constituted in such a manner said committee shall be authorized to perform the duties of the committee on Rules of the House.

Temporary
committee
on Rules.

The temporary committee on Rules on the part of the House shall be authorized to meet jointly with the temporary committee on Rules on the part of the Senate; and, when constituted in such manner, shall be authorized to perform the duties of the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

The temporary committee on Rules shall be authorized to utilize joint and House committee resources of the various committees having expertise in the subjects referred to them.

The temporary committee on Rules shall cease to exist upon the appointment of the permanent committee on Rules; and that any matters pending before the temporary committee on Rules shall, upon the appointment of the permanent committee on Rules, be considered to be pending before the permanent committee on Rules.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton,—

Ordered, That, there shall be a temporary committee on Ways and Means to consist of members of the 194th General Court who were members of the committee on Ways and Means at the end of the 193rd General Court, provided that appointments made to such committee shall not be subject to the provisions of House Rules 18 and 18A; and provided further that when constituted in such a manner said committee shall be authorized to perform the duties of the House committee on Ways and Means.

Temporary committee on Ways and Means.

The temporary House committee on Ways and Means shall be authorized to meet jointly with the temporary Senate committee on Ways and Means; and, when constituted in such manner, shall be authorized to perform the duties of the joint committee on Ways and Means.

The temporary committee on Ways and Means shall cease to exist upon the appointment of a permanent committee on Ways and Means; and that any matters pending before the temporary committee on Ways and Means shall, upon the appointment of the permanent committee on Ways and Means, be considered to be pending before the permanent committee on Ways and Means.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

On motion of Mr. Galvin of Canton,—

Ordered, That, notwithstanding the provisions of House Rule 22, prior to the appointment of members to the committee on Bills in the Third Reading, the Counsel to the House of Representatives shall be authorized to perfect bills and resolves ordered to a third reading by the House or amended by the Senate and resolutions prior to adoption.

House Counsel,— perfect bills.

Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next sitting.

At seven minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, January 9, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Garballey of Arlington in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Garballey), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of allegiance.

Message from the Governor.

A message from Her Excellency the Governor submitting requests for making appropriations for the fiscal year 2025 to provide for supplementing certain existing appropriations and for certain other activities and projects (House, No. 51), was filed in the office of the Clerk on Monday, January 6.

Supplemental appropriations.

The message was read; and it was referred, under Rule 30, with the accompanying draft of a bill, to the temporary committee on Ways and Means.

Member Qualified.

The Chair announced that the special committee of the House appointed at the preceding sitting, relative to the qualification of Carol A. Doherty, member-elect from the Third Bristol District, Ann-Margaret Ferrante, member-elect from the Fifth Essex District had reported, in part, that on Wednesday, January 8, 2025, Representative Ferrante had taken and subscribed the necessary oaths of office, and was now duly qualified as a member of the House of Representatives.

Representative Ann-Margaret Ferrante,— qualification.

Change of Name of a Member of the House.

Notice was received that Representative Brandy Fluker Oakley of Boston had officially changed her name to Brandy Fluker-Reid. Said name change to be effective for legislative record keeping purposes beginning on January 9, 2025.

Representative Brandy Fluker-Reid.

Appointments of the Minority Leader.

The Minority Leader announced that he had made the following appointments:
That (under Section 32 of Chapter 197 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Mathew Muratore of Plymouth to the Assisted Living Residences Commission;
That (under Section 214 of Chapter 140 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Representative Muradian of Grafton to the Correctional Consolidation and Collaboration Commission. Mr. Muradian replaces Kevin Flanagan on the commission; and

Assisted living.

Corrections Consolidation Commission.

That (under Section 305 of Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2024) he had appointed Representative Vaughn of Wrentham to the special working group on youth sports.

Youth sports working group.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions (filed with the Clerk) were referred, under Rule 85, to the temporary committee on Rules:

Resolutions (filed by Representative Hogan of Stow) congratulating Lucas Budiansky on achieving the rank of Eagle Scout of the Boys Scouts of America; and

Lucas
Budiansky.

Resolutions (filed by Representative Kerans of Danvers) recognizing David P. McKenna for his three decades of service to the Danvers Committee for Human Rights and Inclusion;

David
McKenna.

Mr. Galvin of Canton, for said committee, reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Wong of Saugus, the resolutions (having been certified by House Counsel to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

Communications

Communications

From the Hate Crimes Task Force (see Section 221(e) of Chapter 6 of the General Laws) addressing the mission of the task force, targeted objectives, options, recommended actions and metrics to measure the effect of such recommendations on hate crimes for calendar year 2024;

Hate
crimes.

From the Executive Office of Economic Development (see Section 16G of Chapter 6A of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on the Office of Performance Management Oversight (OPMO) for fiscal year 2024;

Office of
Performance
Management.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 12A of Chapter 6C of the General Laws) submitting the annual progress report on the performance and asset management system for calendar year 2024;

Performance
and asset
management.

From MassDevelopment (see Section 34 of Chapter 23G of the General Laws) submitting its fiscal year 2024 annual report; and

MassDevelopment.

From the Massachusetts Clean Energy Center (see Section 5 of Chapter 23J of the General Laws) submitting the 2024 industry report (accompanied by financial statements for fiscal year ended June 30, 2024) [copies of the communication were forwarded to the committees on Ways and Means, Economic Development and Emerging Technologies and Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, as required by said law];

Clean
Energy
Center.

Severally were placed on file.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Monday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

Representatives Donato of Medford, Barber of Somerville and Garballey of Arlington then moved that when the House adjourns today, it do so in respect to the memory of John R. Granara, a member of the House from Medford in 1977 and 1978; and the motion prevailed.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

Accordingly, at five minutes after eleven A.M., on motion of Mr. Smola of Warren (Mr. Garballey of Arlington being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Monday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.



MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025.

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JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Monday, January 13, 2025.

Met according to adjournment at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

Pledge of
allegiance.

Communications.

Communications

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 12Q of Chapter 25 of General Laws) submitting the Energy Facilities Siting Board Trust Fund report of the funds' financial activities from November 22, 2023 through November 4, 2024;

Energy
facilities
siting.

From the Department of Public Utilities (see Section 12R of Chapter 25 of General Laws) submitting the Unified Carrier Registration Trust Fund report of the funds' financial activities from November 22, 2023 through November 6, 2024;

Unified Carrier
Registration
trust fund.

From the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs (see Section 2LLLLL of Chapter 29 of the General Laws) submitting its annual report on disbursements of the trust associated with Low-Income Services Solar Program (LISSP); and

Low-income
services
solar program.

From the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (see Section 39M ½(L) of Chapter 30 of the General Laws) submitting its Highway Owners Representative annual report for fiscal year 2024;

Highway
owners.

Severally were placed on file.

Paper from the Senate.

The following order was adopted, in concurrence, as follows:

Ordered, That, a convention of the two branches be held at six o'clock P.M., on Thursday, January 16, 2025, for the purpose of receiving such communication as the Governor, Maura T. Healey, may be pleased to make to them relating to the concerns of the Commonwealth.

State of
the State
Address.

Order.

On motion of Mr. Mariano of Quincy,—

Ordered, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Thursday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

Next
sitting.

UNCORRECTED PROOF.

At twenty minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Mr. Frost of Auburn (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet the following Thursday at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.